



BAPS "Finishing First" Cornhole Challenge Official Rules

Cornhole can be played as doubles or singles. This tournament will be played as doubles. In doubles play 2 contestants are partners against another team of 2 contestants. In doubles play, 1 member of each team pitches from 1 Cornhole board and the other members pitch from the other Cornhole board.

Every Cornhole match is broken down into innings of play. During each inning of play each contestant must pitch all 4 Cornhole bags. The top of an inning is completed when both contestants pitching from the first Cornhole board pitch all 4 Cornhole bags; the bottom of the inning is completed when the remaining contestants (pitching from the other Cornhole board) pitch all 4 bags. An inning is never completed until all contestants pitch all 4 bags.

Value of The Cornhole Bag

1. Cornhole Bag In-The-Hole – A Cornhole bag in-the-hole (or Hole-In) is a bag which is thrown through the hole in the Cornhole board or otherwise comes to rest inside the Cornhole board (knocked in by another player or an act of God). A Cornhole bag in-the-hole has a value of 3 points.
2. Cornhole Bag In-The-Count – A Cornhole bag that is not in-the-hole but lands with any portion of the bag resting on the Cornhole board is in-the-count (sometimes called on-the-board). A bag in-the-count has a value of 1 point. For a bag to be in-the-count, it must not touch the ground or any other portion of the court prior to coming to rest on the Cornhole board. If a bag touches the ground before coming to rest on the Cornhole board, it is a foul and must be removed from the Cornhole board prior to the continuation of play.
3. Cornhole Bag Out-Of-The-Count – A Cornhole bag which comes to rest anywhere except in-the-count or in-the-hole is out-of-the-count and has no scoring value. A bag which is declared to be a foul is considered to be out-of-the-count (no matter where it comes to rest) and must be removed from the Cornhole surface prior to the continuation of play.

Delivery of Cornhole Bags During Play

1. The first side of contestants alternate pitching Cornhole bags until they have thrown all 4 bags, then the remaining contestant (pitching from the other Cornhole board) continue to alternate in the same manner until all 4 bags are delivered and the inning completed.
2. A contestant may deliver the Cornhole bag from either the left or right pitchers box but, in any 1 inning, all bags must be delivered from the same pitcher's box.

Pitching Rotation During the Game

The contestant who scored in the preceding inning shall pitch first in the next inning. If neither pitcher scores, the contestant who pitched second (last) in the preceding inning shall pitch first in the next inning.

Position of Contestants During Delivery

The pitcher must maintain constant contact with the designated pitcher's box during the entire address and release of the Cornhole bag

Foul Cornhole Bags

A foul Cornhole bag is a bag which was delivered in non-compliance with one of the Cornhole rules of the game. It scores as a bag out of the count and is to be removed from the Cornhole court before any more bags are pitched. Cornhole bags already in the court that have been knocked into foul territory by a foul bag should be returned to the scoring area. Additionally, bags that are in the count, but are knocked into the hole by a foul bag must be returned to their original scoring position.

The following are rule violations that must be spotted and called by a contestant or assigned judge. The penalty is to declare the Cornhole bag a foul bag which requires the bags to be removed from the court prior to resuming play.

(a) Any Cornhole bag pitched when the contestant has made contact with or crossed over the foul line before the bag is released.

(b) Except as provided above, any Cornhole bag pitched when the contestant has started or stepped completely outside the pitching box before releasing the bag.

(c) Any Cornhole bag that contacted the court or the ground before coming to rest on the Cornhole board.

(d) Any Cornhole bag which struck a previously defined object such as a tree limb, wire, indoor court ceiling, etc.

(e) Any Cornhole bag that leaves a contestant's hand once the final forward swing of the delivery process has started shall count as a pitched bag. A bag that is accidentally dropped by a contestant before the final forward swing has started shall not be considered foul and may be picked up and pitched.

Point Limits

The Cornhole match shall be played until the first team of contestants reaches (or exceeds) 21 points at any time. The winning team does not need to win by 2 or more points.

Ties at The End Of An Inning

If the Cornhole match is tied at 21 or more at the end of an inning, play continues until one team or the other achieves a higher score at the end of an inning and wins the match.

Simple Scoring

In simple scoring the points are totaled at the end of each $\frac{1}{2}$ inning and the smaller score is subtracted from the larger score and the difference in points is awarded to the team scoring the most points that $\frac{1}{2}$ inning. In this scoring method only one team can score per $\frac{1}{2}$ inning.